GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF FUNDS MEANT FOR SANITATION AND POTABLE WATER
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that rural people are falling ill due to lack of sanitation facilities and non-availability of potable water;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose and utilised during each of the last three years and current year, State-wise;

(d) whether the government has received any complaints regarding misutilisation of the said funds during the said period;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(f) the further steps proposed to be taken to ensure proper utilisation of the funds provided by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b) The Government is implementing Central Rural Sanitation Programme for improving quality of sanitation in rural areas. As part of the Programme, Total Sanitation Campaign is being implemented in rural areas taking district as a unit of implementation. Rural drinking water supply is a State subject and the primary responsibility to provide drinking water rests with the States. However, the Central Government is undertaking Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) with the objective to give financial assistance to States for coverage of rural habitations with safe drinking water supply.

(c) Statement indicating the release of funds during last three years for Total Sanitation Campaign is annexed as annexure-I and that for allocation and release for Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme is annexed as annexure-II.

(d) No, Sir.

(e)& (f) Do not arise.